

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

APRIL 3, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

The Special Meeting of the Ocean City Board of Education was called to order by President Clark on Wednesday, April 3, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. in the Ocean City High School Community Room, 501 Atlantic Avenue, Ocean City, NJ.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT ANNOUNCEMENT

President Clark announced that adequate notice of this meeting was provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975. Notice of the time, place and agenda were filed with the city clerk, posted in the lobby of City Hall, and delivered to the Ocean City Sentinel and the Press of Atlantic City.

President Clark led everyone present in a salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

On roll call, members present were Dale Braun, Cecilia Gallelli-Keyes, Michael James, Jacqueline McAlister, Suzanne Morgan, J. Tiffany Prettyman, William Sooy, Gregory Whelan, and Joseph S. Clark, Jr. Also present were Kathleen Taylor, Ed.D., Superintendent, Timothy E. Kelley, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Michael Stanton, Esquire, and Daniel Tumolo from Sea Isle City. Members absent were H. James Bauer, William Holmes and Fran Newman. There were 5 members of the public present.

PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Kelley presented information on the Coastal Health Insurance Fund (HIF).

PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

There were no public comments.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Taylor gave an overview of the Agenda.

Based on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following resolutions are presented for formal approval by the Board of Education.

Motion by Ms. Gallelli-Keyes, seconded by Mr. Braun, and carried unanimously by roll call vote, the Board of Education approved the following Superintendent's recommendations.

1. Finance

A. Resolution to Terminate Participation in the School Employees' Health Benefits Program

A RESOLUTION to terminate all participation under the State Health Benefits Program and School Employees' Health Benefits Program (including Prescription Drug Plan and/or Dental Plan coverage).

BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Ocean City Board of Education – Cape May County hereby resolves to terminate its participation in the program (Medical Plan and Prescription Drug Plan coverage) thereby canceling coverage provided by the State Health Benefits Program and/or School Employees'

- Health Benefits Program (N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.25 et seq.) for all of its active and retired employees.
2. We shall notify all active employees of the date of their termination of coverage under the program.
 3. We understand that the Division of Pensions and Benefits will notify retired employees of the cancellation of their coverage.
 4. We understand that all COBRA participants will be notified by the Division of Pensions and Benefits and advised to contact our office concerning a possible alternative health, prescription drug, and dental insurance plan.
 5. We understand that this resolution shall take effect the first of the month following a 60-day period beginning with the receipt of the resolution by the State Health Benefits Commission or School Employees' Health Benefits Commission.
- B. Resolution to Join Southern Coastal Health Insurance Fund (*Attachment #1.B*)
A RESOLUTION to join the Southern Coastal Regional Employee Benefits Fund.

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:10-36 et. seq., (the "Statute") local units, as defined in the Statute, may join together to establish a joint insurance fund to provide contributory or non-contributory group health insurance through self-insurance, the purchase of commercial insurance or reinsurance or any combination thereof; and

WHEREAS, a number of local units have joined together to form the Southern Coastal Regional Employee Benefits Health Insurance Fund (the "Fund") as permitted by the Statute and the regulations thereunder; and

WHEREAS, The Fund was approved to become operational by the Department of Banking and Insurance and the Department of Community Affairs on April 6, 1995; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of Ocean City Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as "Local Unit") has determined that membership in the Fund would be beneficial and in the best interest of the Local Unit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the governing body of the Local Unit hereby agrees as follows:

1. Local Unit hereby approves and authorizes the execution and delivery of the Indemnity and Trust Agreement attached to this Resolution and agrees to become a member of the Fund for the term set forth in said Indemnity and Trust Agreement.
2. Local Unit hereby accepts and approves the Fund's Bylaws, acknowledges that they have received a copy of said Bylaws, and agrees to be bound by the terms thereof.
3. Local Unit will participate in the following type(s) of coverage(s):
 - a. Health Insurance as defined pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17B:17-4, the Fund's Bylaws, and the Fund's Plan of Risk Management.

4. Local Unit shall execute and deliver to the Fund an application for membership and any accompanying certifications.
5. Local Unit agrees to commit to the four (4) principals of the Fund which are:
 - a. A long-term philosophy on rates;
 - b. A willingness to work with bargaining units to achieve plan design changes;
 - c. Professional management with stability and commitment; and
 - d. A rating structure based on actuarial numbers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governing body of the Local Unit is authorized and directed to execute and deliver such other documents as may be necessary in accordance with the Fund's Bylaws in order to apply for and evidence the Local User's membership in the Fund and to deliver these documents to the Fund's Executive Director with the express reservation that these documents shall become effective only upon:

1. Approval of the Local Unit as a member by the Fund;
2. Receipt by the Fund's Executive Director of a Resolution from the Local Unit accepting the Local Unit's Fund assessment; and
3. Approval of the Local Unit's membership in the Fund by the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance and the Department of Community Affairs.

C. Resolution to Appoint Fund Commissioners

A RESOLUTION to appoint Fund Commissioners to the Southern Coastal Regional Employee Benefits Fund.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Ocean City Board of Education that Timothy E. Kelley be and is hereby appointed as FUND Commissioner to the Southern Coastal Regional Employee Benefits Fund to represent Ocean City Board of Education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Dana Loder be and is appointed as Alternate Fund Commissioner to the Southern Coastal Regional Employee Benefits Fund effective July 1, 2019.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

BOARD COMMENTS

Board comments included the upcoming PTA and Education Foundation events. Dr. Taylor announced that Ms. Noble from the High School will be recognized as AtlantiCare's 2019 Health Educator of the Year.

BOARD PRESIDENT COMMENTS

There were no Board President comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ms. Gallelli-Keyes, seconded by Mr. Braun, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy E. Kelley
Business Administrator/
Board Secretary

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